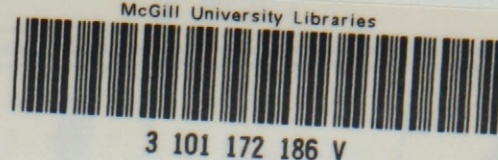


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In Defense of Shylock

By Randy Hahn, LLB III

A couple of weeks ago an article entitled "Shakespeare et le droit des obligations" appeared in the *Quid*. In it Marie-André Vermette observed that Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice* can perhaps be instructive in understanding the concept of public order and good morals against which laws might be measured. I respect her opinion and applaud her interest in bringing Shakespeare to the *Quid*, but feel obliged to register two respectful disagreements—one minor, one not so minor—with views she expressed.

Readers will recall that in the play the character Antonio was leant money by Shylock who secures the bond by getting Antonio to promise that in the event of non-payment Shylock shall have the right to cut a pound of flesh from Antonio. When Antonio is unable to repay the loan Shylock does endeavor to get his pound of flesh, but changes his mind after being told that if he extracts any blood or takes not exactly a pound, then he will have taken

that to which he is not entitled and will be punished accordingly.

The play is complex and difficult in all sorts of ways, not least of which is how one is to understand the portrayal of Shylock's Jewishness.

My first disagreement - the minor one - with Marie-André Vermette is her assumption that Shakespeare was unfamiliar with elementary principles of law in that he did not realize that Shylock could never have a legal right to enforce the terms of the bond. There has been much scholarly commentary on this question with no general consensus emerging. Some people believe Shakespeare was really writing a critique of the harshness of Elizabethan common law prior to the full development of the courts of Equity. Others have suggested that the play should be understood as taking place in Roman times before the right to seize the body of an insolvent debtor was abolished. Other scholars have maintained that there is no way the

agreement could be enforced even in Roman times. One particularly interesting interpretation was put forward in an article in the *McGill Law Journal* a couple of years ago where it was suggested that what really prevents Shylock from getting his pound of flesh is a strict application of Jewish law. Suffice it to say that there is no easy explanation for this part of the play.

The not so minor disagreement I have with Marie-André Vermette's interpretation of the play is her view "Et la justice triomphe. Au théâtre, comme au cinéma les 'méchants' perdent presque toujours..." what should be kept in mind is the abuse that Shylock is forced to endure. His Jewishness is the basis of many of taunts directed at him. Antonio spits on him. Shylock's daughter runs off with a friend of the character on whose behalf the bond was undertaken (taking a good part of her father's money with her) and Shylock is made to promise that upon his

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Hiérarchie dans un cabinet d'avocats

Par Pierre Cantin, Nat. IV

Pour tous ceux et celles qui prévoient pratiquer dans un cabinet d'avocats, voici une hiérarchie qu'il sera bon de se souvenir (dans le souci de l'intégrité, j'ai décidé de vous présenter l'extrait pertinent, que j'ai déniché dans un périodique, dans sa langue d'origine):

A Judge

Leaps tall buildings in a single bound
Is more powerful than a locomotive
Is faster than a speeding bullet
Walks on water

Gives policy to God

A Q.C. ("C.R.": Conseiller de la Reine)

Leaps short buildings in a single bound
Is more powerful than a switch engine
Is just as fast as a speeding bullet
Walks on water if the sea is calm
Talks with God

A Partner ("Associé")

Leaps short building with a running start and favourable winds
Can keep up with a switch engine

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PATRICIA ALLEN MEMORIAL INAUGURAL LECTURE

Professor Jane Ursel, Department of Sociology, University of Manitoba will speak on "The Potential of Legal Reform for Confronting Violence Against Women: a Case Study of the Family Violence Court of Manitoba". The lecture will take place on November 4th at 6 p.m. in the Moot Court. Patricia Allen, LLB BCL 1988, was murdered on an Ottawa sidewalk on November 13 1991 by her estranged husband, who used a crossbow in the attack. He was subsequently found guilty of her killing, and sentencing to a 25-year prison term.

ANNIE MACDONALD LANGSTAFF WORKSHOP

Laura Nader, Professor of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, will speak on "Justice and Harmony in the Practice of Law". The lecture will take place on Wednesday, November 3rd at 12:30 p.m. in Room 202 of New Chancellor Day Hall. The lecture is presented by Women and the Law, the Faculty of Law and the Institute of Comparative Law. All Welcome!

THE MCGILL/INTERAMICUS SHARANSKY LECTURESHIP IN HUMAN RIGHTS

Martin Gilbert, C.B.E., Fellow of Merton College, Oxford, distinguished historian and official biographer of Churchill, will deliver the Fifth Sharansky Lectureship in Human Rights on Tuesday, November 9th, at 5:30 P.M. in the Moot Court Room. The topic is "Reflections on the New International Order and the Human Condition".

FIRST WRITING WORKSHOP: "HOW NOT TO MAKE A MOUNTAIN OUT OF A LEGAL MEMO"

All first year students are invited to attend a voluntary session on demystifying the legal memo process. The workshop will take place on Friday, October 29 at 11:30 in Room 203. For more information please call Jean Nelson at 366-9780.

ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY

The next meeting of our discussion group will take place on **Wednesday November 10 at 12:30 in Room 201**. we will examine an excerpt from John Finnis' book, *The Fundamentals of Ethics*. The

readings are available in the St. Thomas More Society box in the LSA office. Welcome to all!

NOTES FROM THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES OFFICE (A.K.A. U.S.O.)

Feeling stressed? Spending what little spare time you have worrying? Unable to cope?

There are a number of resources available within the Faculty of Law for those students who feel they need help. First, speak to Christine Gervais at 6608, or ask for her at the U.S.O. Her office is in O.C.D.H., Room 109. She may well be able to help. In addition, some upper year students have generously offered to meet informally with students who feel overwhelmed and stressed and would like to talk confidentially with someone who has experienced similar stresses. Of course, Ms. Gervais can also direct you to professional counselling services should you wish.

A Reminder: Space is a scarce resource in the faculty! Anyone planning an activity is reminded that they should reserve the room that they need as early as possible. See Jane Donga at the U.S.O.

Remember MARS opens for second term course changes **Tuesday, November 30th - January 16th inclusive**, in order to meet your course change needs.

If you expect to graduate in February, 1994, please see Christine Gervais.

Do check the Faculty chalkboard outside of the Moot Court each day for your name. Somebody might be trying to reach you.....

REMEMBER THE 1980's

What do the 1980's mean to you? Insider trading? Polo shirts with the collar up? Duran Duran? Bring your memories with you to the "Back to the 1980's: celebration of slime" party, November 4. The 1970's are dead (for the second time). Poke fun at the decade which brought the arts, business and politics to new levels of low. Location TBA. See Josh Fireman for neat-o fashion tips.

SSMU Transit Network

The SSMU Transit Network, McGill's unique carpool system, is now taking driver/passenger schedules for **FREE ON-CAMPUS PARKING** (McIntyre Garage) and convenient, inexpensive

rides to and from school - serving your neighbourhood.

Drop by Union 408 or call 398 2902 now to reserve your spot for November.

GRAD COMMITTEE

The Grad Committee is seeking sweatshirt makers for a limited edition Grad sweatshirt. All those interested please leave a note in the Grad box or contact Stacey at 288-5675.

The Grad Committee will be selling "PIZZA IN THE PIT" every Wednesday from 11:30 - 1:30 at \$2.00/slice.

YEARBOOK: Res Ipsa Loquitor

Please pick up the Grad Comment Sheets for the yearbook outside the LSA Office, if you haven't already done so. The deadline for the Comment Sheets has been extended until November 5 (Friday). Please hand them in to the Res Ipsa Loquitor box in the LSA Office. Thanks.

A Message From The LSA

Remember that the LSA Executive holds office hours 4 days a week now (Wednesday is our day of rest). The exact times we are available will be posted outside the LSA Office. All students note that the LSA will be off limits to all lunchers during these times!

Correspondante Desirée/ Penpal Sought

Le Quid Novi a reçu une lettre. On cite la suivante: "Je suis étudiant ivoirien à la faculté de Droit de l'Université d'Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. Je suis au premier cycle universitaire (DEUG I, Diplôme Études Générales Universitaires, 1ère Année). Le premier cycle allant de la 1ère Année de licence à la 3e année de licence. Je suis âgé de 23 ans et j'aimerais, à ce titre d'étudiant en Droit, échanger de larges identités de vues (juridiques, sociales voire économiques...) avec une étudiante en Droit de votre excellente université. Je tiens à souligner que je joindrai ma photo à la première correspondance. Je suis un bilingue. Par conséquent je ne manquerai pas d'écrire aussi bien en Anglais et en Français." Pour autres informations, appelez Jay à 270-1589.

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EDITORIAL:

Holy Hundred and Eighty Degree Turn, Batman!

The political visage of Canada has metamorphosed overnight. A colossal Liberal majority. A merciless Conservative decimation. A brutal NDP cutback. National triumphs for the regional based Bloc (the new official opposition) and Reform. What does this mean? Where will it lead? Will a butterfly situation take flight or are we stuck in the same nine year old cocoon graced only with a new silk coat?

The message was, in a word, blatant. Canadians were sick of Tory rule. After setting the scene for almost a decade, Brian Mulroney was able to bail out at the strategic moment, install himself safely in his corner office at Ogilvy Renault, and watch Kim Campbell squirm as the object of a sacrificial rite. A master of self-interest to the end, he jumped ship knowing full well that Canadians would never give him another chance. While Jean Charest as PM might have garnered a few more votes (at least in Quebec) the shadow of Mulroney would still have darkened any PC name on the October 25th ballot.

Another justification for this blatant message and the Liberal

landslide is that many Canadians undoubtedly voted strategically. "I don't feel that strongly about Jean Chrétien, but ... I sure don't want another PC government ... or, I wouldn't want to see the Bloc getting out of hand ... or, Reform's policies scare the hell out of me ... or, yogie flying makes my ears pop." Besides being the only choice for many, the Liberal vote was the general default vote. However, the Bloc and Reform were definite default votes in their own right.

So what's going to happen with basically just the Bloc and Reform on the other side of the House? As the PC's and the NDP regroup they will likely find themselves most effective through their lobbying channels, including corporate and union leadership. Preston Manning claims his "rookie troops will shake up the role of opposition MP's by shoving aside negative politics and old-style name calling". Family value type House conduct is fine and dandy but Reformers must realize that they can no longer ignore the Bloc, and Quebec in general (Reform ran 206 candidates, 0 of which were in Quebec).

Thus emerges the big question: Will the Bloc succeed in making Quebec's sovereignty a national constitutional issue once again? Lucien Bouchard says the Bloc "will vigorously pursue Quebec's interests and expand on the merits of sovereignty for Quebec". It seems unlikely that most of Canada will allow issues like the deficit, jobs and NAFTA to take the back seat to more constitutional wrangling. Furthermore, separate statehood will only serve to produce intensified sentiments of hostility between two of Canada's indelibly linked solitudes (the can of worms is slowly opening...). And what of the other solitude? The voice of aboriginal peoples is getting louder and louder and louder. They too will not be ignored.

So, as Jean Chrétien chooses his Liberal cabinet one hopes he is supplying them with barf bags. Whether they gain butterfly or cocoon status they are in for a roller coaster ride that would make Batman and Robin queasy.

Study and Travel Overseas? Go for it! On Exchange

Michael Burgess
Exchange Student from
University of New South Wales
Australia

Anyone who has been on exchange will tell you what a wonderful experience it has been. You gain an international perspective on the law, experience a different culture, meet lots of friendly people and generally have a great time. If you plan your holidays carefully you have the opportunity to go travelling and explore the world at the same time. Not to mention the distinguishing and impressive impact this will have on your resume. You are guaranteed to learn a lot about the

world, international law and yourself in the process.

McGill offers you the opportunity to study overseas on exchange. But how? Fortunately, there is a function being held on Wednesday the 10th of November to answer all your questions. Professor Harvison Young will explain the Faculty's exchange program and what exchanges are available. McGill's Exchange Director, Mme Suzanne Pilon, will discuss the process involved in going on exchange. Exchange students from various universities will also tell you a little about what it is like to live, study,

and have fun in their part of the world. They will all be available to answer your questions. This provides a unique opportunity to get all the information you need about how to go on what will undoubtedly be one of the best experiences of your life!

If you have ever thought about going on exchange, don't miss this function (with the added incentive of free food and drink kindly provided by the Law Faculty and the LSA) to be held in the Common Room 12.30 to 2.30 on Wednesday November 10.

J O D Y T A L K

By Jody Berkes, BCL II

My moot is coming up on this Tuesday, and I'm nowhere near ready for it. I am, however, eminently qualified to provide you with a Gonzo Journalist's view of last year's law games (for a comprehensive treatment of the Gonzo Journalism format please see Hunter S. Thompson's *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*). Law games is the annual event where law students from across Canada gather to engage in friendly competition by day, and drink beer all night. Some of you may think that taking 5 days off in the semester is a waste of time, and you would be much better off going to classes. To find out just how wrong you are, read on. The following story is purely a work of fiction, and any resemblance therein to characters living or dead is purely coincidental. The author does not advocate the use or abuse of any substance.

Fear and Loathing in Sherbrooke

I drove to Sherbrooke in my friend Lionel Hutz's car. Lionel is an alumnus of McGill law and later received a doctorate in philosophy from Yale. He now maintains a practice in Springfield down in the U.S. Lionel flew in to Dorval and rented a 1992 Range Rover for the drive to Sherbrooke. We had barely left the confines of Chancellor Day Hall when I began to complain bitterly about my impending case comment. I waved the case in my friend's face, "You see all this crap. I have to read it, research it, and produce something intelligible by next Thursday. I'll have to work on it over the weekend." My companion asked to see the case, which I handed to him. After looking at it for a few moments he said, "You're wrong, you don't have to work on it at all this weekend, and I'll prove it to you." Then, despite my pleas, screams, and threats, he unceremoniously threw my case out the window, and off the Champlain Bridge. I was furious with him, and proceeded to rant, "All the first year students who are not going to law games get the extension too and they're going to have an advantage over me if I don't work this weekend." Hutz put in Jefferson Airplane and began explaining to me as if I were some wayward child, "You poor sick thing! Don't you realize that no one is going to work on it this weekend? Anyone not going to Law Games is just going to sit their ass this weekend, while you and I compete for the greater glory of McGill, and all those who were too weak to come." He slipped two pills into my hand, "Take two of these and you'll feel better. Remember, I'm a doctor." Gradually, over the next two hours of the trip my mood improved, while my companion's driving deteriorated. At first, I had trouble seeing the bats, debris, and potholes that he claimed were in the middle of the road, but by the time we got to checking in to our soundproof suite at the Delta Hotel I was as

convinced as he was that they were there. We went to the check-in area and Hutz inquired as to where the closest liquor commission was located.

He seemed relieved when the student in charge of check-in informed him that it was located next door. This seemed to relieve Hutz. However, his relief turned to anxiety when the student informed him that the commission closed at 5 p.m. Hutz asked me what time it was, but all I could do was stare in mute fascination as my wrist watch melted through my arm. Hutz began shaking me and screaming that I was as useless as the Civil Code in a torts class. He turned back to our host who was just about to call security. Hutz instantly took charge of the situation, "My friend has had a very long drive from Montréal, and he's not feeling very well. I'm a doctor and I need you to get me a few things." The student replied that he couldn't leave because he had to register people. Hutz, however, was a master of persuasion, and with the aid of five green bills with pictures of the late Andrew Jackson, had

Hutz was incoherent and I could see the reason why.

enlisted the services of our new friend, David. Hutz began listing items with the precision of a general talking to his procurement officer, "We're in for a long night here so we'll need a quart of rum, a quart of whiskey, a quart of tequila, a quart of gin, a quart of vodka, two cases of Budweiser, a case of oranges and a case of grapefruit. Oh, and while you're at it could you please have this prescription filled at the drugstore." Then Hutz took a notepad from his pocket, scribbled something illegible on it, tore the sheet off the pad, and threw it at David along with several bills of varying denominations. Just before David glided out the door, I heard Hutz say, "Now hurry up and you can keep the change." By this time the air was thick with those bats, and I needed Lionel to lead me to our room. In the elevator he explained that he had borrowed the notepad from Dr. Marvin Monroe.

We got to the room and I said that I was feeling little faint and that I'd like to lie down. David came with our supplies and Lionel busied himself with cutting up oranges and grapefruits. He suggested that increasing my vitamin C intake would make me feel better and handed me a glass filled with orange and grapefruit juice. I took a long swallow. I gasped and barely managed to get out, "what the hell is in here." Hutz replied with a broad grin, "Nothing but vitamin C and a little rum to wash it down." The second sip was much easier to swallow and I began feeling

better. Even the bats had thinned out. I told Hutz that I was going to look for Marie-José to find out which events we were signed up for. Hutz commented that this was a good idea and that he'd meet me at the welcoming party later. I found Marie-José talking Mario in the hospitality suite. Mario made some comment as to his reservations that MJ play center for the football team the following morning. MJ responded by grabbing Mario's wrist, flipping him over her shoulder, and pulling a karate chop (only inches from his forehead) which would have surely split his skull. I said, "Mario, I don't think that you could get any better pass protection from an all pro NFL line." MJ thanked me for my confidence and told me that the football game was at 9 a.m.

The welcome party took place in an abandoned warehouse in the industrial sector of Sherbrooke. The ceiling was hung with a myriad of colored lights and various parts from old automobiles. The DJ was spinning a steady stream of music that pulsed through my bones. I ran into Hutz long enough for him to slip a tightly rolled cigarette into my hand which I accepted gratefully. Then he was off dancing with a student from Université Laval. The beat picked up and I took off into the crowd of dancers on the floor. Abruptly, the music changed tone and the chorus of "Smells Like Teen Spirit" was punctuated by David Abitbol crashing into me, trying to goad me into the slam pit. Never being one to turn down a dance I hurled myself back at him. We were having a pretty good time of it when the DJ called out that the last shuttles were departing for the hotel. I arrived at our suite at about 3:30 a.m. to find Hutz half naked in a circle of women who were pouring Budweiser all over each other and slurping it off. I surmised that they were from Sherbrooke law and fresh out of CEGEP. Hutz was incoherent and I could see the reason why. A low cloud of smoke hung over the room and the dead Smirnoff, Cuervo, and Bombay soldiers lay haphazardly on the desk. Beside them a bottle of pills lay on its side, its multicoloured contents organized in neat little piles on the desk. I knew Hutz had taken leave of his senses. Lawyer or not, 17 will get you 20, and I couldn't let him do this to himself. I sprang into action, scooped up the pills, grabbed the Captain Morgan off the desk, went into the hall and pulled the fire alarm.

I waited for him outside the hotel with the other guests. Hutz came lurching out the front doors wrapped in a towel. I handed him two pills which he washed down with the rum. "Bottoms up my good man," I said, "We have a football game in a couple of hours."

SEARCH IS ON FOR COMPUTER NOTE-TAKING IDEAS

By Kim Schenck, LLB II

Last year everybody in our class took notes the old-fashioned way. Pen-tip met paper in silence. This year things have changed. A scattering of notebook computers are produced at the start of each class. Some of them are nearly mute. Others, however, are not.

A couple of my classmates have intimated to me that their sanity is being endangered by the clack of computers. At least one of these complaints came to me in my capacity as class representative. People want something done.

Of course, the easiest thing would be for people with offensive computers to stop bringing them to class. But the matter is a delicate one. Computer note takers have obviously made a large investment in their equipment and most of them aren't causing a problem. At the same time, things have passed the point where people are willing to live with the ones that are noisy. In crowded classrooms with bad acoustics loud keyboards or ham-handed typists occasionally make it impossible to hear.

In the likely event that some computer users don't choose courtesy, what is to be done? L.S.A. President, Josh Fireman, has discussed the issue with

Associate Dean Harvison-Young. A memo will be circulated to the faculty soliciting their views and suggestions. I think a similar call for suggestions from students is also in order. I have tried to think up some solutions that would allow computers into the classroom while giving first consideration to those straining to hear the professor.

The best idea I have had so far is to ask computer users to sit in the first row of seats. (The noise seems to me to be at its worst when it's right next to you or beside you). It's not a great solution since it wouldn't solve the noise problem completely and it smacks of segregation. It also might prove distracting to professors, but it's a potential compromise. Perhaps we could require students to turn off their computers in the event that they are asked to do so (politely, I trust) by someone sitting near them. This might engender some hard feelings and an enforcement problem, but it's simple and straightforward.

It seems clear that computers are going to become more prevalent in the years ahead. Since the problem is here now, however, we have to deal with it. Suggestions can be sent via E-mail to the L.S.A (send to LSA) or left in my mailbox (LLB II) in the L.S.A. office.

SHYLOCK

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death he will leave most his estate to them. Shylock himself is only released at the end on the condition that he become a Christian.

I have difficulty in concluding that justice has prevailed and that all the villains lose out in the end.

The play is often said to be anti-Semitic, though I have some doubts as to whether it should be described as such. The prejudices and expectations of Elizabethan audiences notwithstanding, I wonder whether a willingness to view the end of the play as less than happy might help explain why it may not be anti-Semitic. In any event Marie-André Vermette is to be congratulated for looking to Shakespeare in an effort to understand law. As a teacher once remarked to a friend of mine, "This Shakespeare fellow is so smart, he can make you sick."

**DRINK LOTS
OF WATER &
ALWAYS TRY
TO GET A GOOD
NIGHT'S SLEEP**

QUID Public Service Announcement

THE FIFTH NATHAN SHARANSKY LECTURESHIP IN HUMAN RIGHTS

The Fifth Nathan Sharansky Lectureship in Human Rights will take place this year on **Tuesday, November 9th, at 5:30 p.m., in the Moot Court Room.**

Our Guest Lecturer of this year will be Oxford Scholar Martin Gilbert, one of the most distinguished historians and chroniclers of our time. His topic will be *Reflections on the New International Order and the Human Condition*.

The Sharansky Lectureship in Human Rights was established in the name of a former Prisoner of Conscience and Helsinki Monitor who had emerged, as he often was characterized, as a "symbol for human rights in our time." The Lectureship is co-sponsored by the Faculty of Law and InterAmicus and was inaugurated, appropriately enough, by Nathan Sharansky himself, on the occasion of his first visit to Canada and McGill. The Sharansky Lecturers have since included such

distinguished scholar-advocates as Father Robert Drinan, Harvard Law Professor Alan Dershowitz, and Judge Thomas Burgenthal. The advent of Martin Gilbert as this year's Sharansky Lecturer is as exemplary as it is inspiring.

A prolific writer and scholar, Martin Gilbert is perhaps best known as Winston Churchill's official biographer, in which capacity he has published six narrative volumes, and eight supporting volumes of documents. His four-part BBC Jerusalem series on Churchill was broadcast in North America to critical acclaim in 1992. He is also the author of forty books, including *Second World War*, described as "monumental ... the first total history of a global war," and is the author of a series of twelve historical atlases.

If former Helsinki Monitors, Soviet refuseniks, and political prisoners could choose their official biographer, it would be

Martin Gilbert. The meticulous scholarship which characterized his biography of Churchill found expression in his chronicles of former Helsinki Monitors and political prisoners, including most appropriately, his book on, and so titled, *Sharansky*.

He has recently visited both Russia and the Ukraine as a guest of the leadership of those countries, and has served as a policy advisor to a succession of British Prime Ministers. In 1990 he was appointed a C.B.E., the highest civilian recognition award in the United Kingdom.

Martin Gilbert has an important Canadian "Connection," as his ties to Canada date back to his childhood: he was amongst the British children evacuated to Canada during the War years.

In summary, this year's Sharansky Lecturer - the speaker, the topic, and the times - promise to make this another inspiring experience.



SPORTS CORNER

Corina Stonebanks
Athletics Coordinator

Hello, Sports Fans (and people who are very bored reading this in class!!)

Intramural Sports

We have had some great sports activities recently. A few heartaches in the playoffs to be reported, such as the **Women's Soccer** team (eliminated in the first round after having won the Mug last year!!), and the **Men's Soccer** team (who finished first in the Division, but was also out very early).

I have to make sincere apologies to the hearty, boisterous, rough, raw and (hopefully!) ready **Men's "C" Division Hockey** team! **Cas Fortuit**, as they are called, registered for hockey without me even noticing! I have already been informed that only their victories will be reported for this column. Hmmmm. Let's hope we here something soon!

Come on, people! We want the **Captains** to give us some game reports! We want the wins, the losses, the near misses, the great and oh-my-God-not-so-great plays, the what-the-heck-was-that-I-didn't-think-that-was-anatomically-possible plays, the goons of the week... all the juice!!

Malpractice Cup

What a gorgeous day! Sunshine and warmth graced our activities, and added to all the great fun.

We lost! What happened? The men came through but,, unlike two years ago when the women were said to have carried us to victory, the female contingent just could not match the... uh... impressive stature of the **Meds Women**. Ouch! *You* try playing football against Dr. She-Hulk!

Chez Doris won, though, in that all proceeds went to this worthy charitable institution (roughly \$400); we can all be very happy and proud for that!

Law Games!!

Yes! Here we are again, and fast!! By the time this article will appear in the *Quid*, we will already have had our mandatory meeting, and hopefully all of you will have signed up and paid your registration fees on deposit.

The **basic package** is **\$120** (or less, if you opt out of the hotel), or **\$145** (ditto re: hotel) if you want to go to the Banquet, too. Both include the following:

- Four nights of hotel accommodation (\$65)

You may opt out if you do not wish to stay with all of us at the hotel. This cost will therefore be deducted from the package price.

The Hotels reserved are the Howard Johnsons, Comfort Inn, Hotel Strata and

Will this be great, or what?!!
Don't forget, we are the RETURNING CHAMPIONS!!!

Travellodge. We do not choose the hotel, the Law Games Organizers do that for us. They tell me they are all very nice and are of comparable quality.

- Transportation to events **while at Law Games**

- Registration fee, social events, security and use of sports facilities (\$55)

This is a mandatory payment.

Payment breakdown (before "transportation to Toronto" costs for those who need a lift to Toronto and know how much fun it will be getting there together):

- Leacock Building at the southeast lower campus entrance;
- McConnell Engineering Building at the main entrance;
- McIntyre Medical Building at the guard hut near the receiving dock east of the building;
- Powell Student Services Building at the west entrance;
- Strathcona Anatomy Building at the west entrance.

\$145 (Banquet Package - hotel, banquet)
\$120 (Basic Package - hotel, registration)
\$ 75 (Registration & Banquet only)
\$ 55 (Registration only)

THESE PRICES DO NOT YET INCLUDE TRANSPORTATION FEES, which we promise to determine as soon as possible. I can't guess what this cost will be, but I think that you can all roughly guess what group rates to Toronto will be when you are not going via Concorde jet! In other words, the total costs this year for an incredibly good time this year at Law Games should be **very reasonable**.

So, there will be **Sports** all day long, and **Social Events** at night, including a **Pub Crawl** in downtown Toronto. The Sports will include the following:

- Innertube Waterpolo
- Football
- Hockey (Men's & Women's)
- Volleyball
- Floor Hockey
- Squash
- Indoor Soccer
- Shuffleboard
- Bowling
- Darts

All Sports are **Co-ed**, except Hockey (I guess the boys don't wanna get hurt...!!).

Sign up sheets will show up sometime in the future. Keep on the look-out!

Will this be great, or what?!!

Don't forget, we are the RETURNING CHAMPIONS!!!

Ciao a tutti!

Corina
(Ciao Bella to you too! We miss you already - Shawarma Ed.)

LSA ANNOUNCEMENT!!

After having attended the Committee on the Coordination of Student Services (CCSS) meeting it has come to the LSA's attention that eight emergency telephones have been installed on campus. They can be found at the following locations:

- Bishop Mountain Hall entrance;
- Education Building at the north entrance between Peel and McTavish;
- Guard stand at Roddick Gates;

The operation of the telephones is as follows:

- 1) For McGill Security press the Emergency **red** button. This will connect you immediately to the dispatcher at the James Ferrier Building and indicate your location.
- 2) To access 911 press the **black** button for a dial tone. Press 911 on the keypad.

Also, the McGill operator can be reached at 398-4455.

MEMBERSHIP

By Adam Atlas BCL I

Often for the weaker ones, there comes the time to join a cult
To allay the nagging question of purpose.
I was looking to join a cult,
One with a good membership base and annual meetings;
One with an established system of indoctrination;
One with grand promises.
I was expecting the common characteristics of being a cult member;
Endless volumes of study;
Hours of repetitive brain-washing;
Little sleep, mediocre food and exaggerated, invasive and expository socializing;
Zealous competition to please the priests;
Feelings of shame for fumbling the mantra;
Jargon to help with the leaps beyond reason;
and Alienation of non-member friends.
I found what I was looking for.
Leave shyness for the uncommitted.
"Malpractice Cup" with medicine or "Championnat d'occult" against the Natural Law-yers?

L.S.A. PROPOSED BUDGET 1993-1994

Through no fault of the LSA's we were unable to print the budget information this week. Our failure to do so is directly attributable to computer problems way too complex to explain to anyone without at least a PHD in nuclear physics. (Eds. Note: ...Try Us...) Sorry. Look for it in next week's Quid.

WOMEN AND THE LAW: CALL FOR ARTICLES

By Loretta Colton, Nat IV

Well, here it is almost November (small flutter of panic in the pit of my stomach...) and I'm still feeling the urge to say "Welcome Back". This gives you some picture of how caught up I am in academic terms. In non-academic terms (which are so much more fun), however, it is time for an update from the McGill Caucus of Women and the Law.

Women and the Law is CALLING FOR ARTICLES, NOTES, THOUGHTS, POEMS, and whatever else is printable and readable. We're planning to put together a sort of newsletter/scandal sheet/sounding board, and so we need stuff to put into this. If you have an opinion about issues of concern to women, whether it be on the large scale (child care in Canada), or on a more personal level (using inclusive language in the faculty), and whether you want to express anger, hope, fear, humour, confusion, determination, disillusion, any combination of the above, or all of the above at once, don't hold back! Our hope is to foster some dialogue and discussion about problems and controversies which affect all our lives. So, whether you are male or female, liberal feminist, radical feminist, ecofeminist, or don't consider yourself a feminist at all, we want to hear from you. If you're old fashioned or computer illiterate (or IBM illiterate, for the Mac owners), you can drop off your submissions at Women and the Law's box in the LSA office. For those of you who can get onto a computer in the Lab, you can E-mail your submissions to l_colton, as a WordPerfect file please!

And in other news...at our first general meeting, held a few weeks ago, we heard from two of McGill's representatives at the National Association of Women and the Law (NAWL), Janet Oh and Rosemary Hnatiuk. NAWL is an organization dedicated to working for women's equality in Canada through legal reform, and have been actively involved in lobbying, commenting on proposed legislative initiatives and how they affect women, and promoting further study and education on issues of concern for women. The McGill Caucus does have a library of NAWL publications (among others), and anyone who's interested can check out the list which will be posted on the Women and the Law board (across from the pool room). If you would like to borrow any

of these publications, leave a note (attention to Janet Ozombloski) in the Women and the Law box in the LSA office. And speaking of publications...although we don't have a copy of the Wilson report on Women in the Legal Profession, which was released this summer, we are planning to acquire a copy (or two) in the near future, so stay tuned.

Last year, Women and the Law organized something called the Shadow Program, which was very successful, and which will be getting off the ground again this year, hopefully even bigger and better than before! The Shadow Program allowed students to visit practicing lawyers in different fields, and follow them around for a day to see what it was like out there in the real world. Last year, we had lawyers from the Human Rights Commission, Superior Court judges, real estate lawyers, criminal lawyers, legal aid and community workers, and so on. For those of you who have already indicated your interest in helping out this year, you will be contacted in the near future, but anyone else who's interested can, again, leave a note in the LSA box. Check the Women and the Law for info about potential visits being organized.

And finally, on to more mundane (or more exciting, depending on your point of view) matters...money. We need more. We want more. And we need some ideas and energy to get out there and find more! Seriously, in these times of "fiscal restraint", etc., etc., it's hard to get things done because everything costs. In order for us to do things like put out a newsletter, run the Shadow Program, bring in speakers, get publications, etc., we need the resources. So, anyone out there with any great ideas, suggestions, or even contacts (a generous feminist millionaire would be nice...) get in touch!

For those of you who took the time to come out to our meetings and to sign up for committees, you have not been forgotten!!!! We've still got the lists and phone numbers, so you'll be hearing from us. If you don't, feel free to contact us. And, in case you're wondering, "we" are Loretta Colton and Janet Ozombloski. You can do the E-mail thing, or the LSA box thing, or the phone thing (our numbers are in the book). Looking forward to hearing from you...

Mem-o-oh

LAURENCE DETIÈRE BCL

The library

First years have now passed through those two first critical months of law school, seriously disrupting library life on several occasions in the process (try each time there's an assignment, and don't look at me, I put the Canadian Abridgement volumes back. Couldn't get rid of them fast enough for that matter).

The "what am I doing here" cries have become "get me out of here", especially at library closing time. Pedestrians passing in front of the faculty can see the unique sight of hundreds of little faces pressed against the glass waving for help. (And those fools wave back!) Indeed, it's mem-o-oh time. They say the first memo is the toughest (you mean there'll be *others*?!), research being difficult in a library we don't know well enough yet (and never wanted to have to get to know in the first place). The only thing being researched now is the exit so we can get to coffee house (and it ain't for the coffee (which is non-existent anyway)). I'm certain that the purpose of 'legal research and writing assignments is for us to realize that the library crystallizes the concept of traps.

It's no wonder that when we were at the BBQ at the beginning of the year, people passing by the faculty were staring, it's the only time of year they actually saw so many people outside the confines of the Faculty compound, and enjoying themselves (although it could also be interpreted

that the BBQ was a ruse to send 'help' smoke signals). No wonder we looked happy, it's the only time the cage door was left open.

Phones and Buffets

Is the Canadian Abridgement some kind of sick joke? Granted it's *abridged* but can't the learning procedure be abridged as well? There is a 1-800 number to call if you really need help... time to put a pay phone on the fifth.

Just look at the mayhem on the fifth floor, the endless scavenger hunt for rare volumes, and the show down in the OK corral when in fact you do find that 1897 volume... in someone else's hands. It's no wonder we can get mail at the Faculty, we rarely go home. I wonder about getting our calls transferred to the library too.

The cafeteria must be praised though, for that salad bar on wheels is perfect for library research time. We can just wheel it up there and have a buffet. That way, while fellow classmates are choosing their dressing, maybe I can get my hands on that S.C.R. volume.

Rules of Law

Through the cases (accident reports) we've been asked to read, not only has our eyesight drastically diminished (hum... do I detect compensation here? Then again, causality between the prof and eyesight may be hard to demonstrate considering that the 'prejudice' *may* have something to do with closing my eyes after a few lines), but we've been able to put together a few facts of

faculty life:

1. Med students won the Malpractice cup this year (@#!*) which concurs with court decisions in saying that doctors should not be trusted (further confirmed by women's softball rules). And that you should *never* have surgery. No wonder there's a health care crisis!

2. Never climb on a folding ladder. They fold.

3. Don't pass behind a helicopter unless you've (already) lost your head.

4. Beginning of the year scheduling conflicts have been reincarnated at 12:30 on Wednesdays.

5. There is no heating system in NCDH.

6. The elevator is an immovable

7. Never use an electric saw unless planning to have finger(s) food.

8. It's no longer safe for Snoopy to vacation in Vermont. "Packs of dogs who've become wild" can be shot in Vermont, where hunting is a religion. How do you determine if they're wild or just hanging out with their canine buddies anyway? And is that 'dog' in a broad definition which includes the upright kind too?

9. The more incomprehensible the case, the longer it is. Or is that the other way around?

10. A River Runs Through It: Peel street on rainy days. Fire drills on rainy days too.

Well, time to get back to the mem-o-oh. Then again, "le travail c'est la santé, ne rien faire c'est la protéger!"

Hiérarchie

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Can duck a speeding bullet

Walks on water in an indoor swimming pool

Talks with God if special permission is granted

An Associate ("Avocat")

Barely clears a duplex

Loses tug-of-war with a switch engine

Can fire a speeding bullet

Swims well

Is occasionally addressed by God

A Notary ("Notaire")

Makes high marks on the walls trying to leap tall buildings

Is run over by locomotive

Can sometimes handle a gun without inflicting self injury

Can dog paddle

Talks to animals

An Articling student ("_tagiaire")

Runs into tall buildings

Recognizes locomotives one time out of three

Is not issued ammunition

Can stay afloat with a life jacket

Talks to walls

A Student ("Étudiant d'été")

Falls over doorstep when trying to enter buildings

Says "Look at the Choo-Choo!"

Wets himself with a water pistol

Plays in mud puddles

Mumbles to himself

A Secretary

Lifts tall buildings and walks under them

Kicks locomotive off their tracks

Catches speeding bullet in teeth and eats it

Freezes water with a single glance

IS GOD!